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1. SC CONSULTATIONS ON PROCEDURES FOR SYG NOMINATION WERE CONVENED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT DATCU AT 11:15 ON 3 DECEMBER. HE WELCOMED PRESENCE OF DEPFONMIN KUZNETSOV AND NEW FRENCH PERMREP LEPRETTE.

2. DATCU REPORTED HE HAS CONSULTED WITH EACH OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND THE FOLLOWING CONSENSUS HAS EMERGED:

A. AT THE FORMAL CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING, THE PRESIDENT WILL SUBMIT A LIST OF CANDIDATES PROPOSED BY MEMBER STATES OR MEMBERS OF THE SC. AT THIS TIME THE CANDIDATES, IN THE ENGLISH ALPHABETICAL ORDER, ARE ECHEVERRIA AND WALDHEIM.
B. BALLOTING WILL BE SECRET. THERE WILL BE ONE BALLOT PAPER FOR EACH CANDIDATE, ON WHICH THAT CANDIDATE'S NAME WILL BE PRINTED.

C. AS OF THIS TIME, THE FIRST BALLOT WILL BE ON THE ECHEVERRIA CANDIDACY; THE SECOND FOR WALDHEIM.

D. THE BALLOTS WILL BE COUNTED ONLY AFTER THE SECOND BALLOT HAS BEEN CAST. THE COUNTING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE COUNCIL TABLE. THE PRESIDENT WILL ANNOUNCE THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING.

E. IF ANY PROCEDURAL QUESTION ARISES WITHIN THE COUNCIL, THE PRESIDENT WILL ENDEAVOR TO RESOLVE IT BY CONSENSUS,
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IF POSSIBLE. (COMMENT: THESE ARE THE PROCEDURES

SET FORTH REFTEL.)

3. DATCU SAID, FURTHER, THAT HIS CONSULTATIONS REVEALED
GENERAL AGREEMENT TO HOLD THE FORMAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON
TUESDAY MORNING, 7 DECEMBER, AT 10:30 AND THAT VOTING SHOULD
CONTINUE IN ORDER THAT THE COUNCIL COME TO A CONCLUSION ON THE
SAME DAY.

4. DATCU SAID HE HAD SAID NOTHING TO THE PRESS THUS FAR.
HE WOULD PROPOSE TO LIMIT HIS COMMENT, AT THIS STAGE, TO
CONFIRMING THE DATE AND TIME OF THE 7 DECEMBER MEETING AND THAT,
AT THIS TIME, THE CANDIDATES ARE ECHEVERRIA AND WALDHEIM.

5. NO MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL MADE SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT,
AND THE FOREGOING POINTS WERE THEREBY AGREED.
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